MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:
Thursday, November 4, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 113, 1st Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Cathy Beecham, Jim Johnson, Jim McKee and Bob Ripley; (Tim Francis, Berwyn Jones and Greg Munn absent). Ed Zimmer and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Department; and other interested citizens.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING:
Special Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Chair Bob Ripley called the meeting to order.

The opportunity was given for persons with limited time or with an item not appearing on the agenda to address the Commission. No one appeared.

APPLICATION BY KEVIN GUILL FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR SIGNS AT THE RIDNOUR BUILDING, 809 P STREET, IN THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT

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Members present: Beecham, Johnson, McKee and Ripley; Francis, Jones and Munn absent.

Ed Zimmer stated that Kevin Guill visited with him a few weeks ago. He rents space from Jon Camp at 809 P on the west side of the main floor. The westernmost window is narrow compared to the others. His business creates “fine art panels” under an agreement with the artists. He gains rights to an original piece of art and enlarges it up as an architectural panel. The applicant wishes to apply vinyl signs to the interior surface of the windows. Images were supplied in the agenda. Zimmer noted that under current guidelines, 25 percent of the window can be filled with signs. Zimmer does not believe the “patent pending concept” needs to appear in such large letters.

Johnson inquired about the size and percentage of the signs compared to the window space. Zimmer would guess about 50 percent is covered as shown.

Ripley believes these are as much vehicular signs as they are pedestrian signs. He can see “Fine Art Panels” and the logo, but is not sure the other information is necessary to have on the windows.
McKee does not want to endorse anything over the 25 percent, and he doesn’t believe that falls within the powers of this Commission anyway. Zimmer noted that a larger wall sign can be allowed by the Commission. Windows are specifically limited in the code so he does not believe the Commission could adjust the coverage percent of window signs.

Zimmer further noted that the 90 day rule does not apply to window signs.

ACTION:

McKee moved approval based on percentages allowed in the code, deleting the words “patent pending concept”, the phone number and the Internet address, leaving the words “Fine Art Panels”, seconded by Johnson and carried 4-0: Beecham, Johnson, McKee and Ripley voting ‘yes”; Francis, Jones and Munn absent.

DISCUSSION

• Zimmer noted that there is discussion about the DLD post at the Harris Overpass. He believes bollards are being proposed to protect the post.

Ripley thinks that linseed oil or some sealer should be used on the top of the post at the minimum to help weatherize it.

• Zimmer drew up some notes for the upcoming 2:00 p.m. meeting regarding West Haymarket. He spoke with Dan Marvin. The designs can’t be reviewed yet, they don’t exist. Dan Marvin seems to be quite comfortable about the items that need to be stated in the development agreement.

Meeting will reconvene at 2:00 p.m. in the Mayor’s Conference Room for a joint meeting with Urban Design Committee on the West Haymarket.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.